



<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	Appl. Serial Number	<b>09/701,023</b>
	Filing Date	<b>June 18, 2001</b>
	First Named Inventor	<b>De Ye</b>
	Group Art Unit	<b>1638</b>
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<i>Title: Control of Sporocyte or Meiocyte Formation in Plants</i>		

### **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

#### **Introductory Comments:**

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and response.

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 for two months from January 1, 2004 to March 1, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.